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## Convenor's Comment

Remember to check our website <http://KapitiGen.org> for additional information on events, Branch, Interest & User Groups, and any late changes.

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Greetings Kapiti Genealogy Members.

Well, we have certainly got off to a good start with our monthly meetings at KCC. The ambience of the rooms has certainly been enhanced and with more improvements still to be made the comfort of those attending the meetings is assured.

I was particularly interested in the wide variety of "News" items seven of our members came up with at our January meeting featuring news items from the past. The punishment dealt out to two boys who had stolen a couple of chickens was detailed. The explicit reporting of a suicide was gripping to say the least. The evening was rounded off with Ted Turton reminding us of the horrendous injuries suffered by those who fought on Gallipoli when he told the story of a young soldier who subsequently died of his injuries on Malta.

Looking to the future we can look forward to a talk by Gill Knox, NZSG Councillor who will speak to us about the advantages of belonging to NZSG. Our research can certainly be enhanced by belonging to our parent organization.

We have received advice of the topics which will be the focus for the monthly talks at the National Library. Most of these talks will be given in the "Tiakiwai" Room on the ground floor. Topics include: Criminal Records, Cenotaph Database, Church/School Records, Wellington City Resources/ Te Reo Maori Resources, to name a few. Further details are on our website tagged as National Library, and each month's topic will appear in the Dates for your Diary section.

Don't forget to get your enrolment in for the Research Day on Saturday 7th March at the Paraparaumu Library, 10.30 a.m. to 3.00 p.m.

Finally for this month I must mention the article which appeared in last week's issue of the "Kapiti News" featuring the amazing story of how our own Kathy Callaghan unravelled the story about her grandfather's secret past. The culmination of this amazing story was a visit to Paraparaumu by Kathy's Norwegian family. Congratulations Kathy, it is a story which your family will talk about for many years to come.

Bill McKeich

Convenor

**This month's meeting  
Tuesday Feb 24th "NZSG  
Benefits - Gill Knox"**

## NZSG News Rules Change

### Rules Change

NZSG members will have received voting papers for changes to the Society's rules with the February issue of *The Genealogist*. The priority in what is stage one of the review process, is to strengthen the way in which the Society is governed and managed at a national level. This involves a change from what has been a management-operational involved Council to a governing Board. Recent staff changes at national HQ, will strengthen the process of transferring management and operational tasks to the staff and volunteer teams. It has also been an opportunity to update some very outdated sections of the current rules. Concomitant changes to the By-Laws will be voted on at the 2015 AGM to be held in Auckland on June 27.

This is the culmination of work over the last four years which has included the completion of the 2014-2016 Strategic Plan. Some of the proposed rule changes reflect the directions of the plan. The next stage of the process is to review the structures and membership of branches and interest groups. This second stage will proceed after the 2015 AGM and involve consultation with branches and interest groups, with a view to making any changes agreed to during 2016.

Members are encouraged to use the Society's website where there is a full explanation and Q&A section on the proposed changes to the rules and by-laws. The strategic plan can also be viewed there. The voting paper for the rule changes must be returned by Friday April 27. This gives time for members to direct any queries to the NZSG Manager and through their branch committee who can raise questions at the upcoming regional meeting. NZSG Council member Gill Knox is speaking at the February monthly branch meeting which will provide further opportunity for information exchange.

This package of changes is designed to strengthen the Society in an increasingly competitive genealogy world and the way in which it manages and delivers services.

Clive Palmer  
Facilitator  
NZSG Rules Review Working Group

*Discussion is also welcome on the Members Only gmail group - Ed*

### Cemeteries Collection - Ancestry Launch

The NZSG have announced that Ancestry.com now offers the NZSG cemetery records, previously only available on microfiche and in hard copy.

This data set includes records up to 2009.

NZSG have licensed these records to Ancestry.com who have digitized them, and in return will be receiving an electronic copy of these records shortly.

Once the electronic copy has been received, NZSG will be working on a members only service to these records from their own website.

"This project could not have been completed without the incredible assistance of members past and present of NZSG and we now look forward to our wider membership receiving the benefit of this dedication and support. Thank you to each and everyone of you who have contributed research, data and support."

## February Branch Meeting

**When:** Tuesday February 24th 7 pm—9 pm

**Where:** Kapiti Community Centre

**Who:** Gill Knox, NZSG Councillor for the Southern North Island

**What:** .The advantages of being a NZSG member and online resources available to members only.

**How To:** The NZSG Cemetery Records on Ancestry

## Kopane School 90th Jubilee March 2015

KOPANE SCHOOL 90TH JUBILEE  
27th & 28th March 2015

Did you attend Kopane School in the Manawatu, or do you know someone who did. Sadly the school lost a lot of school records in the 2004 floods, so many names are unknown, if you attended or know someone who did, could you please pass this on to them.

Any photos that you have would also be gratefully received.

More information is available on [www.kopane.school.nz](http://www.kopane.school.nz)  
or the Facebook page (Kopane School 90th Jubilee).

Contact Diane Thomas, Registration Secretary  
[Kopaneschool90th@vodafone.co.nz](mailto:Kopaneschool90th@vodafone.co.nz)

## Orientation Session #1 APFHC March 19th

If you are a new member, or simply need a refresher on what resources we have at the APFHC, and how to access them, come along on Thursday 19th March, 5:30 to 7pm.

Subsequent sessions throughout the year will cover specific records in more depth, ending with a session on FamilySearch

How the mezzanine floor used to look!



## Request from a member

Wanted a genealogist to complete research for the O'Flynn family. As I am now in my mid eighties I know that I will not be able to do it myself. Some basic work has been completed. I subscribe by the month to Find My Past, Ancestry, Family Search and 2cds covering

shipping and 5 electoral rolls.  
Nina O'Flynn, 22a Pencarrow Ave  
Paraparaumu 5032  
Please Txt 021 126 1019 or  
Email [knoflynn "at" gmail.com](mailto:knoflynn@atgmail.com)

## APFHC News



Help instructions for the above program are now on our website under Membership > Members only.

### Help Sessions

Bev is always glad to hear from anyone able to volunteer their services to help.

### Research Day for members.

**Saturday March 7**, APFHC, Paraparaumu Library  
Do you need help with a brick wall, the next step, or even just to get started? Here is your chance to get one-on-one help with your research. We are holding a one on one research day on Saturday February 7th at the APFHC. You will have up to 90 minutes with a volunteer. All the resources will be available for use – computers, microfiche, books etc.

There is no charge. To book a time slot, email or phone Kathy Callaghan, [kathycallaghan "at" gmail.com](mailto:kathycallaghan@gmail.com) 04 297 0733.

Let us know what or where you are researching and we will match you up with a volunteer.

We have to fit in with the library opening hours and we have 6 computers, so numbers are strictly limited. Time slots available are:

10.30am – 12.00pm

12.00pm – 1.30pm

1.30pm – 3.00pm

### Computer Password at the APFHC

APFHC computer password changes regularly: check

### The Kapiti Genealogy Menu

Remember that you no longer have to load physical cds.

Simply click on the image of the cd beside the resource you want to view, then click on the title

If there isn't a cd image, just click on the title.

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the red folder in the drawer. Members need to get the cupboard key from library help desk. We also request that you sign the blue sign-in book in the drawer - such statistics help us when applying for grants.

The recent change was prompted by a security breach that we have not got to the bottom of, but resulted in the loss of printing facilities until it was resolved. Remember that if you cannot print, you can usually save your search results to a USB stick, supplies being available for purchase at a bargain price at the Wednesday morning sessions.

### Printer, Paper and Toner

Please remember that you are asked to contribute 10c per copy for the printing service provided.

This amount does not even cover the cost of the toner used.

Where possible you are encouraged to use memory sticks instead to record the results of your research.

### Computers

We ask for your consideration on Wednesday mornings. If you are researching and do not need the help of the volunteers, please consider coming at another time than the 10 to 12 timeslot when use of the computers is at a premium.

## From the editor

Yes this is a repeat plea from last month. As things currently stand there will be no branch newsletter from April onwards.

There must be someone out there interested in keeping up to date with changes, new items available and presenting that to members each month.

Is the thought too daunting? Why not job share?

Expressions of interest most welcome as the March newsletter will be my last.

Perhaps YOU can help?

Please respond to [Editor "at" KaitiGen.org](mailto:Editor@KaitiGen.org)

## New resources to explore

### FindMyPast

**Australia** The [New South Wales Will Books, 1800-1952](#), contain over 415,000 wills containing beautiful images of the original handwritten documents only available online at Findmypast. The records are copies of original Will Books held by the State Records Authority of New South Wales and include the wills of a number of individuals from other states and countries, typically in cases where the individual was a resident of New South Wales but their last place of residence was outside the state, or where they had originated from overseas and left legacies to family members back home.

Also Tasmanian BDMs, which, as for NZ contain different degrees of detail depending on when the event was registered. At least some of these are images, not just transcriptions, but indexed. So whereas you can browse some of the images for free on FamilySearch, the indexes aren't necessarily available there

**UK** Over 861,000 Baptism, Marriage and Burial records (transcriptions of the original document) from the Gloucestershire have been added to their collection of UK Parish records: [Bristol baptism index 1660-1914](#), [Bristol marriage index 1644-1939](#), [Bristol burial index 1625-1950](#)

Other records from North West Kent, Warwickshire, Wiltshire, Dorset and Essex (this is starting to sound like the local song "I've been everywhere man")

**US Records:** 75 million records have been added to the collection of [US Immigration and travel](#) records. Over 11.5 million records have been added to their collection of [US Census & Substitute records](#), including censuses from the States of California, Minnesota, South Dakota, Alabama, Florida and Colorado.

Over 13 million records have been added to their [US Life Events collection](#), including birth, marriage and death records from 11 different states.

Kindertransport records comprising 1,500 passenger list records and 41 volumes from The National Archives relating to the Kindertransport refugee programme during the Second World War. These fully searchable scanned documents are a digital facsimile of the files kept by central government to record the details of the thousands of young Jewish refugees, sent to Britain to escape Nazi persecution

### Ancestry

Given my recent increasing interest in Welsh miners emigrating to Pennsylvania, I noted the inclusion of a new collection of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, Welsh Society of Philadelphia Charity to Immigrants, 1798-

1883

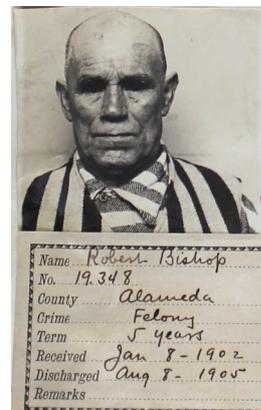
*South Africa, Estates Death Index, 1999-2014* Original data: Master of the High Court (South Africa). Indices to Deceased Estates. Republic of South Africa.

Gloucestershire Baptisms, Marriages, Burials, but I'm sure I read somewhere that this collection excludes Bristol (see FindMyPast)

Other worldwide collections include:

Icelandic census 1870, 1880, 1890, assorted German BDMs

And this treasure for me from the California Prison and Correctional Records 1851-1950.



See the joys of being editor? Apply now!

(Robert is my 2\* great uncle by marriage to Elizabeth ANDREWS of Taranaki, newspaper reports of the time showed he decided to improve the fortunes of a flagging business by a bit of arson/insurance fraud)

**PapersPast** (February 2015):

[Hastings Standard \(1896-1920\)](#)

[Press \(1929-1935\)](#)

[Star \(1915-1917\)](#)

[Westport Times \(1868-1874, 1879-1884, 1886\)](#)

### Family Search

[Canada, Nova Scotia Delayed Births, 1837-1904](#)

[Czech Republic, School Registers, 1799-1953](#)

[US, Ohio, Crawford County Obituaries, 1860-2004](#)

[United States Passport Applications, 1795-1925](#)

[US, Illinois, Cook County Deaths, 1878-1939, 1955-1994](#)

being just some of the newly indexed or browsable un-indexed as yet collections added recently.

### Dick Eastman's newsletter snippets

Missed RootsTech? Catch up on the video archive at

<http://www.rootstech.org/video/4050134760001>

## Dates for Your Diary

### Kapiti Genealogy

#### Venues

APFHC: Alison Procter Family History Centre, Level 1 Paraparaumu Library

KCC: Kapiti Community Centre, Pak 'n Save Hall, 15 Ngahina St, Paraparaumu

**All Kapiti events are also all in the [programme](#) information on our website, both in a downloadable document and on the calendar.**

**Feb 24th: Tuesday 7pm (KCC)** Monthly meeting NZSG benefits - Gill Knox Councillor for our region.

**Mar 7th: Saturday 10:30am to 3pm (APFHC)** Individual research sessions - bookings essential see page 4

**Mar 19th: Thursday 5:30pm to 7pm (APFHC)** Overview of our resources at the APFHC (Session 1)

**Mar 24th: Tuesday 7pm (KCC)** Monthly meeting Sue Greene. **How to Trace Your Military Ancestors**

**Every Wednesday: 10 a.m. to noon** Experienced researchers on hand to help you use our resources at the APFHC and further your family tree. Six computers available, all with Ancestry, and worldwide FindMyPast. Public and members welcome.

**Interest Group meetings (see [Programme>Interest Groups on our website](#) for further details)**

**Sat. Feb 28th: NZ Kapiti Legacy Users Group (KCC)**

**Thur. Mar 12th: Australian interest group (APFHC) 10 to 12 noon**

#### You may also be interested in:

**Wed March 18th 12:noon – 1.00pm (Tiakiwai)** Monthly National Library Lunch Time talk . Criminal Records by Trish McCormack & Glenda Gale in conjunction with Archives NZ (future sessions are on our website tagged as "National Library")

**Sat Mar 21st 9:30 to 4pm** Genealogy Day (Palmerston North Kilwinning Lodge) Entry \$15 See our webpages.

## Interest Groups

### Australian

Second Thursdays - next session Thursday 19th Mar for help with any Australian research.

### Legacy

Next session Saturday 28th Feb - topic will be on our website when announced

### DNA

Two monthly, 2nd Sat or Sun of month, alternates between Sat and Sun) - next session Saturday 11th April 2-4pm (phone Lorna 293 7771 - always happy to

help you pick the right, cost effective test, and person to test, for you to add genetic genealogy to help solve your genealogy mystery/ies and and help you understand your results.

Announced at RootsTech "Findmypast will also be offering a special rate on FamilyTreeDNA tests as part of their premium service for annual subscribers, Findmypast First. This new partnership is just the beginning of Findmypast's journey into DNA testing for their customers."

As always, check out our website for further details - Programme> Special Interest Groups.

## Round Robins

If you wish to subscribe to any of our Round Robin magazines, contact Meryl Opie (RoundRobin "at" KapitiGen.org) to get your name added to the list.

Further details on our website under [Resources > Round Robins](#).

From the June 2014 Family Tree magazine: Captain Clanchy's marriage index has been added to [www.irishancestors.ie](http://www.irishancestors.ie) Tools and tips on how to become a better researcher: understanding the records, searching smarter, organising your notes, palaeography, persistence and lateral thinking, geography, exploring the era, discovering the wider historical context, acquiring technical skills (photo editing, knowing how to use genie programs), news gathering; ohw to trace police ancestors; Chris Paton writing about court records; aerial photography and the wonderful Britain from Above website ([www.britainfromabove.org.uk](http://www.britainfromabove.org.uk))

## From the Committee

### This month's meeting:

**Tuesday 24 February 2015**

7:00pm: supper

7:30pm: meeting start.

### Supper roster: K-O

If your surnames starts with the above letters, your help with the supper would be appreciated.

**Committee meetings:** 7pm, 1st Wednesday of months February—December

### Welcome

We welcome new members Kaye FINDLAY, Merrin SIMPSON and Dorothy STEWART.

### School records transcription project

If you are willing to take part in this project please contact the coordinator, John Glover ([pamandjohn "at" paradise.net.nz](mailto:pamandjohn@paradise.net.nz))

### 30 year history

To include your stories in the 30 Year History of Kapiti Genealogy that Clive is compiling on our behalf, please contact Clive on 04 293 7631 or drop us a message through the Secretary ([Secretary "at" KapitiGen.org](mailto:Secretary@KapitiGen.org)).

If you are prepared to write a story he would be delighted!

Late breaking news and events that we find out about between newsletters are added to [our website](#) and remember that by logging into the website you may post events of relevance and interesting links yourself - and update your own contact details.

### New committee members

As mentioned in last month's Convenor's Comment, several committee members are stepping down this year, so before the April, AGM we would very much appreciate an indication of interest from those able to take their places.

Never been on a committee before? Don't be scared, we don't bite! We even have quite a lot of fun at committee meetings - and choccie biscuits :) Committee members must be members of NZSG

### Research day

See APFHC news on page 4 for details of our March 7th research day.

### Subscriptions

Yes, it's getting near that time of year again. See back

## January meeting report

We hope that you all went home and used at least one of the Advanced Search options in Google - in spite of the technical challenges of our How To session!

Seven members shared a variety of 'News', showing that clearly the news is not just a newspaper. We saw that behind a news item there is often social history as well. When two 14 years old boys were caught stealing chickens, the penalty was 10s (a lot of money) and 6 strikes with a birch rod.

In the past the language used to write news was often very detailed. Sometimes it was beautiful as in describing the 100<sup>th</sup> birthday of an old man in Whitehaven, England. At other times it was very explicit such as describing the suicide of Mr. Alfred Carson Cooney. This website was new to most.

Well worth looking at: <http://www.tellingthetruth.info/>

[www.tellingthetruth.info/newspapers/1909sept.php#1909Sept4-B](http://www.tellingthetruth.info/newspapers/1909sept.php#1909Sept4-B)

We were reminded never to ignore even the simplest writings, such as that of a letter from an 11 year old girl. Within the letter were clues to places and people of interest to this family's research.

It is surprising what a simple 'google search' of a name will bring up.

Of things regarding Gallipoli we were directed to a website which has the personal diary of Brian Milligan. We were not able to access this site properly due to the virus in the laptop, so here it

is. [www.gallipolidiary.co.nz](http://www.gallipolidiary.co.nz)

We also heard the Gallipoli story of Lewis Cuthbert Turton. This young man was wounded at Gallipoli but subsequently died of his injuries in Malta. He was not included in the statistics of those killed at Gallipoli or on WWI memorials in New Zealand. However, being of British birth he is on a memorial in England. Something to be aware of when researching military history.

**Branch meetings:** 4th Tuesday, Jan - Nov

Time: 7pm, supper / research  
7:30pm, meeting start

Venue: Kapiti Community Centre,  
15 Ngahina St, Paraparaumu

**Branch fundraisers:****Bag, sweat shirt, t-shirt**

Available from our store

<https://KapGen.printmighty.co.nz>

**Used ink cartridges**

Please continue to bring your empty cartridges to the monthly Branch meetings or leave them either in or on top of the glass cabinet in the APFHC. Alternatively they may be dropped off to Pat in Raumati, 39 Lorna Irene Drive. If they won't fit in the letterbox just leave them at the front door.

Pat Keppell Ph (04) 299 1100

**Kapiti Genealogy on Facebook**

Check out [our facebook page](#). You don't need to be a registered user of facebook to read it, simply click on the link if reading this on your computer, or search for Kapiti Genealogy facebook.

Please let Kathy Callaghan have any suggestions as to how best to use this medium.

If a Facebook user, do remember to click "like".

**Research Assistance**

Members needing assistance with their research, are welcome at the weekly Wednesday morning sessions at the APFHC at the Paraparaumu Library. Alternately, use the Kapiti Gen Forum form on our website (<http://www.kapitigen.org/resources/research/genforum/>) to contact our Kapiti Branch Research Officer, Sue Greene.

**Branch Committee**

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Portfolio descriptions and current holders are listed on our web site - in the Who Does What section of the "About" menu.

**Newsletter content deadline:** Saturday after 1st Wednesday

Send copy to: [editor "at" KapitiGen.org](mailto:editor@KapitiGen.org)

Photos welcomed for illustration - resolution of 300dpi or higher NB: To ensure publication, submissions **must** be received by deadline

**Email links** throughout the newsletter are clickable, remove one of the @ symbols before sending.

## Subscriptions

Our membership year runs from 1 April to 31 March. Although your cream membership card doesn't expire until the end of March, it would be appreciated if you would consider renewing your subscription early to spread the workload involved.

New members between now and 31 March are automatically joined up for the 2015/16 year

Payment of your \$25 may be made by:

- cash or cheque (made out to Kapiti Genealogy) and handed to a committee member at any meeting, or posted to the Membership Secretary, P O Box 703, Paraparaumu, 5254
- or by internet banking  
Westpac 03 0732 0263025 00  
Please remember to include your surname and

membership number in the payee and reference fields for identification purposes, preferably also emailing the [Treasurer "at" KapitiGen.org](mailto:Treasurer@KapitiGen.org) to advise that payment has been made.

If also a member of the New Zealand Society of Genealogists, please enter your NZSG number in one of the payee/reference fields.

Please allow up to a fortnight for processing and delivery of your new card.

We look forward to your continuing membership and participation in our activities.

**Next Monthly Meeting**  
**Tuesday Mar 24th Sue Greene**  
**"How to Trace Your Military**  
**Ancestors"**